

medic currently serving in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Iraq. This soldier's recent unselfishness and courageous acts of aiding to his fellow comrades demonstrated true American heroism. The citizens of Indiana's Sixth Congressional District, joined by all Americans, are proud of Joshua's extraordinary actions displayed toward his fellow Americans.

Earlier this month, one of two Chinook helicopters transporting soldiers to Baghdad International Airport for their R&R flights home to the United States was shot down. The second helicopter did an immediate harsh landing to assist the brave men aboard the downed Chinook. As Joshua and his fellow regiment members ran to help the injured, they came under heavy gunfire without any protective gear, weapons, or medical supplies readily available. Joshua was initially the only medic at the scene and attended to the wounded for more than 2 hours. During this time, Joshua's thoughts remained solely with the health and safety of his fellow servicemen. "God, don't let anything happen to me that would render me unable to help these guys—help me, Lord."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to rise and pay tribute to Joshua Peters, a man who by his actions has demonstrated a promise to help defend America's freedom. Heroes emerge from the significant events happening in Iraq, and I am proud to say that Joshua Peters is among them.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand today and honor Joshua Peters of Muncie, Indiana before Congress and the Nation.

HONORING THE ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF CLIFF SEGERBLOM

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life-long artistic contributions of Cliff Segerblom to the Southern Nevada community. The Boulder City Arts Council will present "Hanging with Cliff," a diverse selection of the artists works.

The works of Mr. Segerblom chronicle the history of the ever-changing Nevada landscape from his original assignment as the official photographer for the Bureau of Reclamation at the Hoover Dam in 1938 until his passing in 1980. Throughout this period, Cliff used a variety of media in portraying our environs in Southern Nevada, from the natural beauty that surrounds us to the feats of human endeavor that inspire us. I wish to thank Boulder City's most famous artist, and I urge all residents of Nevada to acquaint themselves with the powerful work of Mr. Cliff Segerblom.

RECOGNIZING VINCENT M. COULDRY FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Vincent M. Couldry, a very spe-

cial young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 60, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Vincent has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 9 years Vincent has been involved with Scouting, he has earned over 60 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as patrol leader, chaplain, quartermaster, and Cub Scout leader. Vincent had been involved with the Tribe of Mic-O-Say for 3 years and is in the Warrior Class.

For his Eagle Scout project, Vincent landscaped an area around Savannah High School and Savannah City Tennis Courts in Savannah, Missouri. With the assistance of 22 other Scouts and leaders, Vincent planned, gathered the needed materials, and mulched 78 trees.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Vincent M. Couldry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO TIM MCCARTHY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the passing of a great man from my district. Tim McCarthy, a descendant of one of Pueblo, Colorado's pioneer families, was an enthusiastic figure who was known for his knowledge about Pueblo and its residents. His passing is a great loss for the Pueblo community, and I would like to take this opportunity to remember his life before this body of Congress.

After graduating from Pueblo Catholic High School, Tim spent a year studying Theater at the Pasadena Playhouse before completing a music degree at Northwestern University. Upon graduation, Tim moved back to Pueblo and became a dynamic music teacher who inspired his students to respect their fellow man. In 1957, Tim joined his father in the family funeral home business. He was a well-known art and theater enthusiast, and organized Tri-Hi Inc., a group dedicated to entertaining troops at military bases.

Tim loved to share his knowledge of Pueblo's history with others. On any given day, he could be found explaining historical events to his many friends and family members throughout town. Tim was a caring man who loved tradition and sought to keep it alive through educating his community on its past.

Mr. Speaker, Tim McCarthy was a compassionate human being who touched the lives of everyone he met. I am honored to pay tribute to a phenomenal soul who encouraged happiness and kindness in his community. Pueblo has lost a great man who exemplified the inner beauty that comes from a life-long pursuit of community service. My thoughts and prayers go out to Tim's family during this time of bereavement.

A TRIBUTE TO RALPH DICKERSON, JR. AND GLORIA DENNA DICKERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ralph and Gloria Dickerson in recognition of their commitment and service to their community.

Ralph Dickerson, Jr. has served honorably as the President of United Way of New York City since May 1988. As President of United Way of New York City, he has led the organization into the position of being the largest private funder of health and human services in New York City and as a major force in forging bold new solutions to the city's most critical human care challenges.

Under his leadership, United Way of New York City's revenue has grown from \$75.1 million to \$135 million, making it the largest United Way in the nation. In addition, United Way of New York City has used its extensive knowledge of community-based human service agencies to broker and partner with government, foundations and business in ground breaking initiatives that are successfully addressing the city's human care issues and the high dropout rate.

Ralph has held key executive positions for 30 years in local United Ways including St. Louis, Missouri; Madison, Wisconsin; Cleveland, Ohio; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration; and he received a M.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin.

Ralph and Gloria are the proud parents of two children, daughter, Maria Renee (deceased), and Ralph III. Their son, Ralph III and daughter-in-law, Michelle, have given them two grandsons, Cameron and Garrett and a granddaughter, Lauren.

Gloria is the President of Maral Enterprises, Inc., The Learning Tree, and Copy Bee, which she started in May 1988. Maral is a children's book distribution company while the Learning Tree, and Copy Bee are retail stores offering teachers, parents and children a full line of educational books, materials and learning guides. This entrepreneurial business came about as a result of Mrs. Dickerson's written bibliography and review of children's books mostly written by African-American authors.

Prior to this business venture, she served as Assistant Dean at the University of Wisconsin and Cleveland State University. She began her career as a special education teacher. Gloria holds a B.S. in Special Education, an M.S. degree, and completed her work toward a Ph.D. in educational psychology at the University of Missouri.

Gloria serves on educational, civic and volunteer organizations, boards and as a Trustee at her daughter's school, The Winchester Thurston in Pittsburgh. She is a member of several professional organizations including the Alpha Kappa Alpha National Sorority.

Ralph has served as a Director with several civic and corporate organizations and has received numerous city awards and honorary degrees. He was also inducted into the Alpha Kappa Psi Honorary Business Fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph and Gloria Dickerson have both made significant contributions to